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SUBJECT: RESETTLEMENT ASSISTANCE FOR ROMANIAN INELIGIBLES

REF: STATE 152136

1. MISSION HAS NO PROBLEMS IN OBTAINING VOLAG COOPERATION FOR PROVISION OF LIMITED ASSISTANCE. ONLY DIFFICULTY IS REQUIREMENT OF MEETING PEOPLE AT TERMINALS. IN ADDITION TO THE PROBLEMS POINTED OUT IN EARLIER MESSAGES BY EMBASSY VIENNA, MANY OF OUR MOST RELIABLE AND COOPERATIVE VOLAG OFFICES HAVE A STAFF OF 1 OR 2 PEOPLE WHO ARE HARD PRESSED TO SPLIT THEIR TIME BETWEEN THEIR CITY OFFICE AND OUT-OF-TOWN REFUGEE CAMPS. HAVING TO TRAVEL TO AIRPORTS OR PICK OUT INDIVIDUALS AT CROWDED RAILROAD STATIONS IS A NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE TASK.

2. MISSION RECOMMENDS THAT PROCEDURE OUTLINED IN REFTEL BE CHANGED TO REQUIRE INELIGIBLES TO REPORT TO PRE-DESIGNATED VOLAGS IN VIENNA OR ROME. NAMES, ADDRESSES
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AND PHONE NUMBERS OF COOPERATING AGENCIES WILL BE FURNISHED IN ADVANCE.

3. MISSION SOMEWHAT CONCERNED OVER TERM "LIMITED ASSISTANCE." DOES DEPARTMENT SUGGEST THAT USRP ASSISTANCE IS NOT TO BE FURNISHED AFTER RETURN OF PASSPORT AND THAT VOLAGS SHOULD NOT ASSIST IN RESETTLEMENT EFFORT TO

COUNTRY OTHER THAN US. IF THAT IS INTENT OF TERM
"LIMITED ASSISTANCE," QUESTION ARISES WHAT MAKES
ROMANIANS COMING OUT ON ROUTE SUGGESTED REFTEL DIFFERENT
FROM ROMANIANS WHO COME OUT AS TOURISTS OR EVEN ILLEGAL
BORDER CROSSERS. LATTER CATEGORY HAS ALWAYS
BEEN AND ARE STILL ELIGIBLE FOR USRP AND VOLAG ASSISTANCE
EVEN IF THEY ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR ENTRY IN US. EARLY
CLARIFICATION WOULD BE APPRECIATED. SORENSON

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